

# **353rd Infantry Battalion**

## **History**

The 353rd Infantry Regiment began its service to the United States as one of over three hundred infantry regiments authorized by Congress after the US entered the First World War on the Allied side in 1917.

Activated at Camp Funston and assigned to the 89th Division, the regiment sailed for France in July 1918. The regiment saw combat during the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives and occupied defenses in Lorraine before and after the armistice ended formal hostilities on November 11, 1918.

During the interwar period the regiment was based in Kansas as part of the Organized Reserves. It returned to active service in World War II, participating in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns in 1945.

The regiment remained as a drilling unit of the US Army Reserve, and was briefly reactivated during the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

The unit was inactivated along with the rest of the 89th Infantry Division in 1996.

Because of its close association with Camp Funston, the US Army Institute of Heraldry chose the 353d Infantry Regiment as the designation for the battalions that would assume responsibility for training combat advisors from the units of the 1st Infantry Division who trained advisors at Camp Funston from 2006 to 2009.

The three original battalions along with three new battalions were activated at Fort Polk on May 1, 2009, and formally assumed responsibility for combat advisor training on August 31, 2009.

## **LINEAGE**

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as the 353d Infantry and assigned to the 89th Division

Organized 27 August 1917 at Camp Funston, Kansas

Demobilized 2 June 1919 at Camp Funston, Kansas

Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as the 353d Infantry and assigned to the 89th Division (later re-designated as the 89th Infantry Division)

Organized in November 1921 with Headquarters in Wichita, Kansas

Ordered into active military service 15 July 1942 and reorganized at Camp Carson, Colorado

Inactivated 31 January 1947 with Headquarters at Wichita, Kansas

Reorganized and re-designated 1 October 1959 as the 353d Regiment (Basic Combat Training), an element of the 89th Division (Training), with Headquarters at Wichita, Kansas

Reorganized 31 January 1968 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 89th Division (Training); Headquarters, 353d Regiment, concurrently inactivated at Wichita, Kansas

Battalions inactivated 1 March 1974 as follows: 1st Battalion at Great Bend, Kansas; 2d Battalion at Salina, Kansas; 3d Battalion at Dodge City, Kansas

1st and 2d Battalions relieved 16 March 1985 from assignment to the 89th Division (Training) and activated at El Dorado, Arkansas and Homewood, Illinois, respectively

Regiment reorganized 1 October 1985 to consist of the 1st Battalion and the 2d Battalion, an element of the 85th Division (Training)

Home Area: Fourth United States Army and Fifth United States Army Demobilized 2 June 1919 at Camp Funston, Kansas

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## **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

### **World War I**

St. Mihiel  
Meuse-Argonne  
Lorraine 1918

### **World War II**

Rhinelands  
Central Europe

## **AWARDS & DECORATIONS**

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, and Streamer embroidered St. Mihiel